

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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Serial No. Unknown	)	
(Divisional of 09/210,843)	)	Examiner: unknown
Filed: concurrently herewith	)	
For: Expression of Somatotropin in	)	
Plant Seeds	)	

The Commissioner of Patents  
& Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

We are simultaneously filing herewith a divisional application of United States serial no. 09/210,843 filed on December 18, 1998. Please enter the following amendment in the divisional application.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend page 1, lines 4 to 9 as follows:

The present application is a divisional of USSN 09/210,843 that was filed on December 15, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/846,021 that was filed on April 25, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,948,682), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/366,783 that was filed on December 30, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,650,554), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/142,418 that was filed November 16, 1993 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/659,835 that was filed on February 22, 1991 (now abandoned), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.



**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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Paragraph at page 1, lines 4 to 9 has been amended as follows:

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Claims 1-16, 19, 21 and 22 have been deleted. Claims 17, 18, 20 and 23-29 are now pending in the divisional application.